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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Delta III Series Camera for IDEALIST

1. The Delta series cameras were designed to provide high resolution convergent stereo photography of targets such as SAM-2 where maximum altitude is required.

2. The system has been used to confirm missile site dismantling in Cuba, [redacted] ground supply routes in North Vietnam, [redacted] Site, and is currently being employed at [redacted] for location of ground activity along jungle trails. It was also used successfully for submarine count.

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3. This is the only IDEALIST system that provides better than one foot ground resolution from 70,000 feet altitude. It is advisable to maintain this capability in a constant state of readiness for use against targets that require maximum resolution.

4. The two additional Delta III systems being procured will bring our total inventory up to five cameras, including the one that is currently on loan to SAC. Less than this quantity cannot be economically supported in the field with Tech. Reps., spares and M&O.

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Sensor Systems Division  
Special Activities

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SSD/OSA, [redacted] pca (30 June 66)

Distribution:

- 1 - SSD/OSA [redacted]
- 2 - D/SA
- 3 - D/TECH/OSA
- 4 - IDEA/OSA
- 5 - MD/OSA
- 6 - PS/OSA
- 7 - SSD/OSA (Chrono)
- 8 - RB/OSA

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

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